

Please add new Claims 6-8 as follows:

6. (New) The plasmid or the derivative thereof according to claim 4, wherein the Rep protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.

7. (New) The plasmid or the derivative thereof according to claim 4, wherein the Rep protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 4.

8. (New) The plasmid or the derivative thereof according to claim 4, wherein the Rep protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 6.

REMARKS

Claim 4 is amended. Claims 6-8 are added. Claims 1-8 are pending. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a plasmid comprising SEQ ID NO: 2;

Group II: Claim 4, drawn to a plasmid comprising SEQ ID NO: 4;

Group III: Claim 4, drawn to a plasmid comprising SEQ ID NO: 6; and

Group IV: Claim 5, drawn to a plasmid comprising SEQ ID NO: 8.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Claim 4, drawn to a plasmid comprising SEQ ID NO: 4, for further prosecution.

The Office has characterized the inventions of Groups I and II-IV as unrelated. Citing MPEP §806.04 and MPEP §808.01, the Office concludes that "each sequence codes for a unique protein". However, the Office has not provided sufficient reasons and/or examples to